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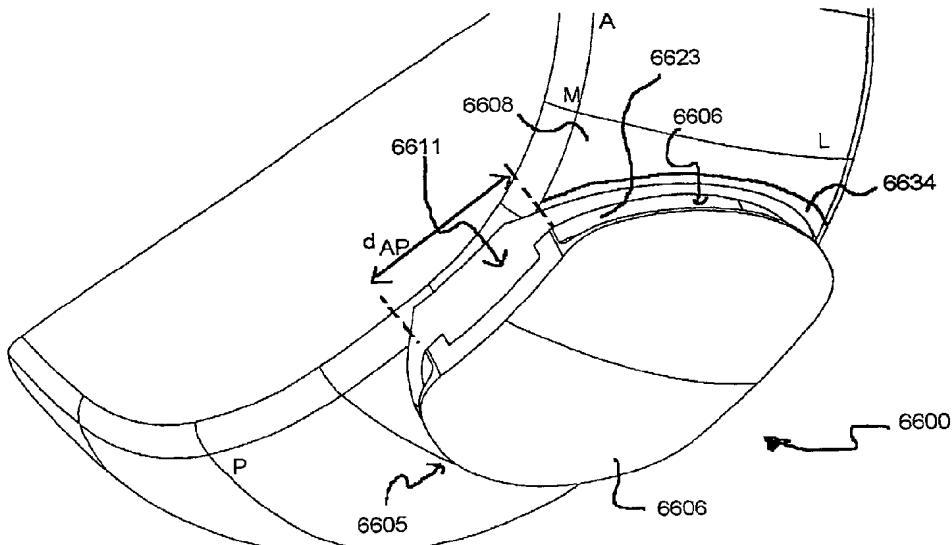
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(57) Abstract: An implant (40) for installation into a portion of an articular surface (50) includes a protrusion (45) configured to cover and un-excised portion of articular surface proximate to the implant (40). Another implant may form a cavity to allow the un-excised portion of articular surface to remodel over a perimeter edge of the implant. The implant (40) may also include indentations (6805) such as grooves (6807) to promote articular cartilage remodeling over a portion of the load bearing surface of the implant (40). An elongated or non-round implant (6600) is also provided having two opposing concentric arcuate shaped sides (6611, 6612), as well as a method to seat such an implant in an articular surface. A method for seating an implant without cutting articular cartilage is also provided.



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